

January 12, 2020

**Sunday After Epiphany of the Lord
(First Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Feast



“Behold the Lamb of God”

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus.

Today, as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry, we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God. John the Baptist is baptizing people. Jesus is baptized. John witnesses the descent of the Spirit on Him. Later John sees Jesus and calls him the “Lamb of God”, and then directs his disciples to follow Jesus.

Today’s Bulletin is printed in memory of **Marvin Rothbauer** sponsored by his family.

Flowers for the altar this weekend are in memory of **Marvin Rothbauer** sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, January 17
8:00 a.m. Alfred P. Dierschke, Sr.
Saturday, January 18
6:30 p.m. Henrietta & Frank Simper
Sunday, January 19
6:30 a.m. Vera Berckenhoff
9:30 a.m. Eugenia Pustejovsky

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Responsorial Psalm: 40
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel: John 1:29-34

Remember the sick in your prayers this week, especially Susan Jasek, Irene Meisetschleager and Angeline Wagner.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Marvin Rothbauer.

ST. JOSEPH’S SOCIAL CENTER FUND

We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph’s Social Center Fund:

Hattie & (the late) Robert Olle - \$2,000

In Memory of Robert Olle

- Rose Selzer - \$100
- Patsy Zamykal - \$20
- Sharon Spurlin - \$25
- Gussie Machalec - \$15
- Gene Schoenvogel - \$100
- Kathleen Chovanetz - \$50
- Mary Lou Dierschke - \$25
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- Deana & Kenny Bohuslav - \$20
- Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff - \$25
- Kathy & Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck - \$25

ST. JOSEPH’S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of Robert Olle

Mary & Charlie Bartos

SOCIETY NEWS

Catholic Daughters Coffee & Kolache Membership Drive next Sunday, January 19, 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room for all CDA members and any Catholic women, 18 years and older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities.



The Catholic Daughters welcome you and would be very happy to have you join us. See the brochure in today’s bulletin for more information.

CDA Meeting moved from January 20 to January 27 so that members can attend the Stock Show activities.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner, February 23. Raffle Tickets for the raffle held in conjunction with the event many be purchased from any Altar Society member, at local businesses or at the Parish Office.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
- TUESDAY – Quilting Group Meets
- WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC
 - Knight of Columbus Meeting, Parish Hall
- THURSDAY– Quilting Group Meets
 - KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- FRIDAY – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Through the waters of Baptism **Damian John Kloesel** child of Maria & Chad Kloesel has begun his journey of faith in our Christian community.



REFLECTION



Called to Discipleship

Ordinary Time is ushered in with a meditation on the call to discipleship. This call is not reserved for a select few. It accompanied our baptismal commitment and is issued to all of us. Discipleship is not something we take upon ourselves. It is an invitation from God. It might come to us in the form of an inner call, or an inspiration. It can come during some religious event, or even when we are out with friends. The ordinariness of the occasion sometimes deceives us. If we are attentive to the promptings of our heart, we will be given the insight to recognize what is really happening; that we are being called by God.

This call to discipleship is a call to radical transformation. We hear the call and we stand open to what God asks of us. The invitation introduces us to a new way of life. We no longer belong solely to ourselves. We belong to the body of Christ. We are part of the mission of Christ.

Today, we rejoice in the fact of having been called to follow Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 12 – James Fikac, Maggie Mejias, Kevin Sturm
Jan. 13 – Michael Darilek, Joseph Wenske
Jan. 14 – Frank Darilek
Jan. 15 – Leigh Ann Darilek, Douglas Fojtik
Jan. 16 – Jack Cinadr, Pauline Lamza, Tony Janak
Jan. 18 – Jeralyn Barta

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 13 – Lillian & Steve Fojtik

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.

Jan. 13 - K-2nd Grade After School Program

Jan. 15 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program
– 9th-11th C.C.D.

Next Sunday – No C.C.D. (Stock Show Activities)

Poinsettias: the manger scene in the Church has been disassembled and the poinsettias placed at the Parish Hall. Parishioners who contributed towards the Poinsettia Fund are welcome to take a poinsettia home after Mass.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15

Registration forms are available at the main entrance to church.

ORDINARY TIME - WINTER

2nd – 7th Sundays of Ordinary Time

Each year of the three-year Liturgical Cycle, (A, B, C) is dedicated to one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year, Cycle A, is always associated with Matthew's Gospel. It has been called the first Gospel, as well as the Gospel of the Church. Exposure to the mind and message of Matthew's Gospel is a fitting way to begin our new year of Grace.

Since Easter is relatively late this year (April 12), Ash Wednesday falls on February 26. This will give us more time than usual to prepare for Lent.

The Lectionary

The First Readings come from a variety of sources, somehow related to the theme of covenant, the intimate relationship initiated by God that binds God to the people in both love and responsibility. The unfaithfulness of the people put the existence of the covenant in jeopardy, but another chance was given. The people are promised survival not because they deserve it but because God is faithful to covenant promises. Having been shown compassion by their God, in their turn they are called to attend to the needs of others, to live in obedience to the commandments, and to love their covenant companions as God loves them.

The Psalms are appropriate to the covenantal sentiments expressed in the First Readings.

The Second Readings are drawn from Chapters 1 through 3 of 1 Corinthians in which Paul focuses on the disorders that had arisen in this young Christian community. The Christians are following the world's practice of pitting one person against another rather than adhering to the gospel's injunction to communal unity. Because God's wisdom is so different from the wisdom of the world, only those who mature in faith will understand or even recognize it. Paul returns to the internal rivalry that precipitated the letter in the first place, and exhorts the Corinthians to preserve the unity that is theirs because the Spirit of God lives in them as in the temple.

The Gospel Readings with a few exceptions are taken from the Matthew's Sermon on the Mount – the long instruction Jesus directed to his disciples rather than to the crowds. In it he sketches the manner of behavior required of those who enter the reign of heaven. This includes the Beatitudes as well as Jesus' own interpretation of earlier Jewish traditions. It is clear he is asking more than the Law dictates. He insists on total commitment, not mere external conformity of superficial adherence.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On this last day of Christmas Time, our prayers and readings turn to the ministry, by which God is revealed through Jesus, and to our transformation, by which God is revealed and glorified in our lives. Can we, like Jesus, focus on God and let our lives be filled with thanksgiving?